

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:289
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2008
COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME
Sai Shri Nand Kumar;Singh Shri Sugrib

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched a community-based health insurance scheme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government contributes towards the annual premium for the families living Below Poverty Line (BPL);
- (d) if so, the details of the contribution made by the Government during 2006-07 and 2007-08 and the number of families covered so far under the said scheme, State-wise; and
- (e) the extent to which the scheme has been able to achieve its aims and objectives so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 289 FOR 19TH MARCH, 2008

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, under the National Rural Health Mission [NRHM], has prepared a framework for introducing health insurance scheme. The States have been requested to prepare need based, community oriented, innovative and flexible insurance policies for implementation on pilot basis. Government of Andhra Pradesh has started the Health Insurance Scheme for the BPL families in 8 districts and Rajasthan has started the pilot project in five districts.

Under NRHM, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare subsidizes the cost of the annual premium up to 75%, subject to a maximum of Rs.300/- per BPL Family.

The pilot project in the State of Andhra Pradesh was started in the year 2007-08 and an amount of Rs.10 Crores was agreed to as share of the Union Government during the year 2007-08 as the scheme was deviating from the framework provided to the State Government and the number of BPL families covered was not in accordance with Planning Commission norms. A total of 73.50 Lakh BPL Population is covered under the Health Insurance Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

An amount of Rs.23.64 Crores was agreed to as share of the Union Government during the year 2007-08, covering a total of 787886 BPL Families residing in five districts of Rajasthan where the scheme was introduced from 08.12.2007.

It will be too early to assess the achievements of the Scheme. However, a total of 378066 patients were screened and 37558 cases referred for admission in the State of Andhra Pradesh. While in the State of Rajasthan, 5200 BPL patients were given treatment under the scheme from 8th December 2007 to 29th February, 2008.